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ARMY DISCIPLINE

Now Far Does Democracy Affect It's Organization.

POLITICS IN ARMY BANEFUL

Lieutenant Colonel James Pettit Says Politics Should Not Enter Into Army Affairs as It Is Harmful to Effective Organization.

New York, December 14.—Lieutenant Colonel James S. Pettit, formerly secretary in the military department at Washington and at present military instructor in the District of Columbia, read a thesis yesterday before the military service institution at Governor's Island on "How Far Does Democracy Affect the Organization and Discipline of Our Armies, and How can its Influence Be Most Effectively Utilized."

Colonel Pettit dealt at length with the subject, the general trend of his argument being that the influence of politics upon the military of this country was baneful.

The speaker said in part: "The great conquerors of the world have been monarchs wielding practically unlimited powers.

"When the military commander is the ruler of the nation as well, he is the court of last appeal, and secures that unity of command and control of resources so vital to the successful organization, the discipline and campaigning of armies. The further we depart from these principles the weaker we become.

"On the other hand Democracy, as a rule, represents peace. They do not respond to the personal influences of

an individual nor are they readily drawn into schemes for territorial aggrandizement involving war. Their proper military policy, therefore, is preparation for defense.

"The speaker of the House is the most powerful official of the government, next to the President, and he may even thwart the desires of the latter. He is the real czar. The average member of Congress has about as much influence on the course of the House as a doe at a council of elephants. The vote of Congress represents its political opinions instead of its personal beliefs. The abolishing of the canteen is an illustration of the fact that even in times of peace, legislation for the army comes out of any hopper greased with the slimy oil of political spoils and party expediency, unredeemed by the salt of honest, manly, independence and belief as to the right and justice of the cause and the needs of the country.

"We are of sanguine temperament. We believe in our star; we regard the law lightly; we place thousands of laws on the statute books, but are lax in enforcing them. These qualities in the military service make rigid discipline impossible. Deserters, sentinels asleep on post, and guerrillas, should be shot, but with us the penalty is rarely enacted.

"Our patriotism is largely of the lip. That true patriotism which regards the country as the home to be cherished and protected within and from without even at personal sacrifice, is not as common as it should be. It is constantly being diluted by the accession of foreigners who are pleased to style themselves German or Irish-Americans, as though they desired to serve two masters.

"Our country's flag is at the mercy of any vender who may choose to spread notice of his wares on its folds and the man in the ranks has a very modest place in public esteem until 'troop ship's on the tide.'

"These national characteristics, which become governmental ones in a Democracy like ours, make it impossible to organize and discipline an effective army from the point of view of military experts."

TRUST DEED FILED

To Secure Investors in the Road to Bullfrog.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 14.—The Tonopah & Tidewater Railroad Company filed a trust deed here today which constitutes a first mortgage to the Mechanics Trust Co., and the Indian & General Investment Trust, Limited, of London, to secure the investors in the road's bonds in the sum of \$500,000. The document states that the railroad commences at Ludlow, Cal., on the Santa Fe and continues northerly across Inyo county, Cal., to Bullfrog, Nev. The main line from Ludlow, Cal., to Bullfrog, is to be 158 miles long and a branch line seven and one half miles to Death Valley.

GO ON WITNESS STAND.

New York, Dec. 14.—Edward H. Harriman wrote a letter to the Armstrong committee yesterday asking that an opportunity be granted him to go upon the witness stand in the legislative insurance investigation and testify regarding his attempt, as described by Thomas F. Ryan on Tuesday, to share in the purchase of the majority of stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

The committee informed Mr. Harriman that he could have such an opportunity any time he wanted it, and it is said to be likely that he will testify today.

The committee has not taken any formal action in the matter of recalling Mr. Harriman, but had been waiting it is said, to see whether he would ask an opportunity to reply to Mr. Ryan. Mr. Harriman, it is expected, will be asked, among other things, about Mr. Ryan's assertion that in the negotiations Mr. Harriman referred to his political influence, and also whether any arrangement had been made whereby a political leader was to become a figure in the insurance world if Mr. Harriman succeeded in getting a share of the Equitable stock and was allowed to name two trustees to act with Grover Cleveland, Morgan J. O'Brien and George W. Westinghouse, in the election of directors.

WILL COST \$300,000.

New York, Dec. 14.—Soll has been broken in the Bronx for the erection of a building for the use of the Messiah Home for Little Children. The building will be erected by Henry H. Rogers, vice president of the Standard Oil Company. The cost, it is said, will be \$300,000.

Mrs. H. H. Rogers is president of the Messiah home for Little Children and devotes much time to the work. The institution was founded in 1885 for the temporary relief of working mothers and the care of girls under 12 and boys of eight. The last annual report showed that 44 children were in the institution.

HEARST IN LOS ANGELES.

Los Angeles, Dec. 14.—William R. Hearst arrived in Los Angeles this evening over the Santa Fe. He declined to comment on the Albany decision, but it was announced that he would probably issue a statement tomorrow as to what further course he will pursue in the matter of his contest for the office of mayor.

WAS BLACKMAILED

Wealthy New Jersey Brewer Paid Over \$70,000.

AND IS DRIVEN TO SUICIDE

Ballantine Family Will Take Steps to Prosecute Conspirators and Regain the Money if Possible—Blackmailing Story Will Be Made Public.

New York, Dec. 14.—A sensational statement today is promised by Attorney Carl Fischer-Hansen, giving the inside facts as to how Robert B. Ballantine of the wealthy family of New Jersey brewers, who committed suicide Saturday night, was blackmailed out of securities, cash and notes amounting to \$70,000 by a conspiracy shortly before his death.

Mr. Fischer-Hansen communicated with the Ballantine family yesterday and strongly advised them that he be permitted to give to the newspapers the details of the conspiracy.

"I had an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Ballantine for 14 years," said Mr. Fischer-Hansen yesterday, "both as his legal adviser and as a personal friend. He visited my office last Friday and unfolded to me the nature of the charges made against him. He told me how under threats of exposure and even imprisonment he had been mulcted to the extent of \$70,000. It was one of the most wonderful stories I have ever heard.

"It was decided to lay the entire case before District Attorney Jerome to secure the indictment and arrest of the men in the conspiracy. Saturday afternoon we visited the district attorney's office. There we learned that Mr. Jerome had gone to Connecticut and could not be seen until Monday. My friend ended his life Saturday night."

Mr. Fischer-Hansen said that steps had already been taken to stop payment on several notes held by the blackmailers and an effort will be made to regain most of the securities. He expects to see members of the Ballantine family this morning and to start for Charlottesville tonight to make a personal investigation of the events leading up to Ballantine's death.

SCOTT ON STAND.

New York, Dec. 14.—A large part of the day was consumed by Edward W. Scott, President of the Provident Savings Life, at the hearing of the insurance investigating committee. Scott's testimony related to the manner in which he had purchased control of the Provident and the disagreements with the Equitable over balances due them while he was their Australian agent.

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When at Height of Half Mile Motive Power Gives Out—Aeronaut Is Carried by Wind for Three Miles—Finally Comes Down.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—With the daring of a man who faces death for the mere excitement of it, Horace B. Wild an electrician of Chicago, yesterday for the first time in his life, made a flight in an airship. He soared to a height of 25000 feet above the ground.

After a series of thrilling experiences he returned to the earth safely, three miles from where he started on his trip in a machine which never had been tested before. His flight was over Grand Crossing and was witnessed by hundreds of spectators.

The trip through the air at the height of half a mile was made under difficulties. Wild's greatest peril was danger of losing his hold of the machine on account of the cold. Twice his numb fingers slipped from their grasp of the frame of the ship and twice he caught himself by hooking his heels into a groove in the cross beams.

The trip was made after several attempts covering a period of three weeks. When the big airship sailed away the crowds cheered and Wild waved his hands gleefully.

For a time all went well, the dirigible machine moving to the South smoothly. Then the engine operating the propeller stopped because the supply of gasoline was exhausted. With that came to the airship man the realization that he was going higher and higher and had no means of propelling the ship in the direction of the earth. Wild made a frantic effort to escape destruction, climbed to the network of the gas-filled bag above him, and holding on with the fingers of one hand, almost frozen, with his other hand unfastened the cord that held the mouth of the balloon, permitting the gas to escape in sufficient quantities to allow him to reach the ground in safety.

The pulling down of the airship by its trail rope was accomplished by two women and a boy, with the greatest difficulty and at great personal risk, for several parts of the machinery became detached and their falling to the ground lightened the balloon so that it struggled with renewed energy to escape into the clouds. If it had escaped from the rescuers Wild's death would have been certain as he would have been carried out into the lake.

Cured Paralysis.

W. F. Bailey, P. O. True, Texas, writes: "My wife had been suffering five years with paralysis in her arm, when I was persuaded to use Ballard's Snow Liniment, which cured her all right. I have also used it for old sores, frostbites and skin eruptions. It does the work." Sold by Hart's drug store.

Of Interest to Clergy.

The Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Co., having been granted membership in the Trans-Continental Clergy Bureau, the name of that company will appear in the clergy application blanks and clergy certificates issued by the bureau for 1906, and commencing January 1st, of the coming year. These permits will be honored by all agents of the A. & C. R. R., thus eliminating the individual half-fare permits issued by that company in former years. Requests for official application blanks should be made to J. C. Mayo, general passenger agent, Astoria.

CHANGE OF TIME

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Commencing Sunday, November 19, train No. 6, the Royal Blue Limited, will leave Grand Central passenger station, Chicago at 5 p. m., instead of 3:30 p. m. and will arrive in Pittsburg at 6:35 a. m., Washington at 4:40 p. m., Baltimore 5:50 p. m. Philadelphia, 8:19 p. m. New York 10:40 p. m. the same as with the old schedule, thus reducing the time one hour and thirty minutes. No excess fare will be charged on this fast limited train. All other trains will arrive and depart the same as formerly. Stop-over is allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed ten days, at each place, on all first-class through tickets.

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